

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method for a user at user equipment to interactively wager on races with an interactive wagering application implemented using the user equipment, comprising:

allowing the user to create and place a wager for a given race by interacting with a plurality of wager creation options;

automatically providing the user with an option to record the given while the user is interacting with the plurality of wager creation options; and

recording the given race.

2. The method defined in claim 1 further comprising allowing the user to select yes or no in response to the option to record the given race.

3. The method defined in claim 2 wherein the given race is recorded in response to the user selecting yes to the option to record the given race.

4. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the given race is recorded in a personal archive.

5. The method defined in claim 4 wherein the personal archive is located at the user equipment.

6. The method defined in claim 4 wherein the personal archive is located remote from the user equipment.

7. The method defined in claim 4 further comprising using the interactive wagering application

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to allow the user to access the personal archive and view previously recorded races.

8. The method defined in claim 7 wherein the previously recorded races in the personal archive are listed with their corresponding track name.

9. The method defined in claim 7 wherein the previously recorded races in the personal archive are listed with their corresponding race number.

10. The method defined in claim 7 wherein the previously recorded races in the personal archive are listed with their corresponding date.

11. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the user equipment is user television equipment.

12. The method defined in claim 11 wherein the given race is recorded with a videocassette recorder.

13. The method defined in claim 11 wherein the given race is recorded with a digital video recorder.

14. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the user equipment is user computer equipment.

15. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the user equipment is user telephone equipment.

16. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the given race is recorded in real-time.

17. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the given race is recorded after the race has taken place.

18. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the user is charged a fee for recording the given race.

19. A method for a user at user equipment to interactively wager on races with an interactive wagering application implemented using the user equipment, comprising:

allowing the user to create and place a wager for a given race;

automatically providing the user with an opportunity to record the given race in response to the user placing the wager for the given race; and

recording the given race.

20. A method for a user at user equipment to search for racing videos with an interactive wagering application implemented using the user equipment, wherein the racing videos are located in a racing video archive that is remote from the user equipment, comprising:

using the interactive wagering application to provide the user with an opportunity to search for racing videos in the racing video archive;

displaying the results of the search for the user; and

allowing the user to select a racing video for a given race from the search results for viewing.

21. The method defined in claim 20 further comprising allowing the user to search for racing videos based on search criteria.

22. The method defined in claim 21 wherein one of the search criteria is track name.

23. The method defined in claim 21 wherein one of the search criteria is track conditions.

24. The method defined in claim 21 wherein one of the search criteria is jockey name.

25. The method defined in claim 21 wherein one of the search criteria is horse name.

26. The method defined in claim 21 wherein one of the search criteria is trainer name.

27. The method defined in claim 21 wherein one of the search criteria is weather conditions.

28. The method defined in claim 21 wherein one of the search criteria is date.

29. The method defined in claim 21 wherein one of the search criteria is race distance.

30. The method defined in claim 20 further comprising using the interactive wagering application to allow the user to save the racing video of the given race in a personal archive.

31. The method defined in claim 30 wherein the personal archive is located at the user equipment.

32. The method defined in claim 30 wherein the personal archive is located remote from the user equipment.

33. The method defined in claim 20 wherein each race from the search results is listed with its corresponding track name.

34. The method defined in claim 20 wherein each race from the search results is listed with its corresponding race number.

35. The method defined in claim 20 wherein each race from the search results is listed with its corresponding date.

36. The method defined in claim 20 wherein there is a fee for viewing the video of the desired race.

37. An interactive wagering system in which an interactive wagering application is implemented on user equipment that provides a user with an opportunity to place wagers on races to be run, comprising:

control circuitry configured to allow the user to create and place a wager for a given race by interacting with a plurality of wager creation options, wherein while the user is interacting with the plurality of wager creation options the user is automatically provided with an option to record the given race;

a display device that displays the plurality of wager creation options; and
a recording device that records the given race.

38. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 37 wherein the user equipment is user television equipment.

39. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 38 wherein the control circuitry is located within a set-top box.

40. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 38 wherein the display device is a television.

41. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 38 wherein the recording device is a videocassette recorder.

42. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 38 wherein the recording device is a digital video recorder.

43. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 37 wherein the user equipment is user computer equipment.

44. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 37 wherein the user equipment is user telephone equipment.

45. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 37 wherein the recording device is located remote from the user equipment.

46. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 37 wherein the given race is recorded in a personal archive.

47. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 46 wherein the control circuitry is further configured to allow the user to access the recording device and view previously recorded races.

48. An interactive wagering system in which an interactive wagering application is implemented on user equipment that provides a user with an opportunity to place wagers on races to be run, comprising:

control circuitry configured to allow the user to create and place a wager for a given race, wherein the user is automatically provided with an opportunity to record the given race in response to the user placing the wager for the given race; and

a recording device that records the given race.

49. An interactive wagering system in which an interactive wagering application is implemented on user equipment that provides a user with an opportunity to search for racing videos, comprising:

a racing video archive that is remote from the user equipment;

control circuitry configured to provide the user with an opportunity to search for racing videos in the racing video archive and allow the user

to view a given racing video from the racing video archive; and

a display device that displays (1) the results of the search and (2) the given racing video for the user.

50. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 49 wherein the user equipment is user television equipment.

51. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 50 wherein the control circuitry is located within a set-top box.

52. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 50 wherein the display device is a television.

53. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 49 wherein the user equipment is user computer equipment.

54. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 49 wherein the user equipment is user telephone equipment.

55. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 49 wherein the control circuitry is further configured to allow the user to search for racing videos based on search criteria.

56. The interactive wagering system defined in claim 49 wherein the control circuitry is further configured to allow the user to save the given racing video in a personal archive.